

Responsible NLP Checklist

Paper title: *BV-Blend: Uncertainty-Weighted Historical Baselines for Stable Critic-Free RL with Verifiable Rewards*

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How to read the checklist symbols:

- the authors responded 'yes'
- the authors responded 'no'
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For background on the checklist and guidance provided to the authors, see the [Responsible NLP Checklist](#) page at ACL Rolling Review.

A. Questions mandatory for all submissions.

- A1. Did you describe the limitations of your work?

This paper has a Limitations section.

- A2. Did you discuss any potential risks of your work?

This paper studies a critic-free RLVR training method for mathematical reasoning with verifiable rewards. It does not involve new data collection, human-subject experiments, or a specific high-risk deployment setting. We discuss technical limitations in the Limitations section.

B. Did you use or create scientific artifacts? (e.g. code, datasets, models)

- B4. Did you discuss the steps taken to check whether the data that was collected/used contains any information that names or uniquely identifies individual people or offensive content, and the steps taken to protect/anonymize it?

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- B6. Did you report relevant statistics like the number of examples, details of train/test/dev splits, etc. for the data that you used/created?

Section 4 (Domain and Datasets, Evaluation) and Appendix A (Experimental Setup). We report the 45,000-example training set, its source split (default 94k split of OpenR1-Math-220k), the benchmark suite, and the evaluation protocol for each benchmark.

C. Did you run computational experiments?

- C2. Did you discuss the experimental setup, including hyperparameter search and best-found hyperparameter values?

Section 4 (Implementation Details) and Appendices B and E. We report the training setup, optimizer, learning rate, batch sizes, rollout settings, reward design, PPO clipping and entropy settings, hardware/software stack, and the BV-Blend hyperparameters and implementation details.

- C3. Did you report descriptive statistics about your results (e.g., error bars around results, summary statistics from sets of experiments), and is it transparent whether you are reporting the max, mean, etc. or just a single run?

We report point estimates for the main benchmark results and training curves. For smaller benchmarks (AIME and AMC), we report avg@32, defined as the mean success rate over 32 samples per problem, but we do not report error bars or multi-run variance statistics for the main tables.

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D. Did you use human annotators (e.g., crowdworkers) or research with human subjects?

D1. Did you report the full text of instructions given to participants, including e.g., screenshots, disclaimers of any risks to participants or annotators, etc.?

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D2. Did you report information about how you recruited (e.g., crowdsourcing platform, students) and paid participants, and discuss if such payment is adequate given the participants' demographic (e.g., country of residence)?

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D3. Did you discuss whether and how consent was obtained from people whose data you're using/curating (e.g., did your instructions explain how the data would be used)?

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D4. Was the data collection protocol approved (or determined exempt) by an ethics review board?

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E. Did you use AI assistants (e.g., ChatGPT, Copilot) in your research, coding, or writing?

E1. If you used AI assistants, did you include information about their use?

AI assistants were used for limited language editing and drafting support. The authors verified all technical content, experimental settings, results, and final wording.